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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE LEGAL: SCOPE OF TREATY ON  
CELESTIAL BODIES ( TCB).

1. WORKING GROUP ON TCB TOOK UP ISSUE OF TREATY SCOPE  
MARCH 30. DISCUSSION BEGAN WITH FOCUS ON BULGARIA- USSR  
PROPOSED REVISION OF SCOPE ARTICLE REPORTED BY 1972 LEGAL SUB-  
COMMITTEE. UNDER REVISION, TREATY PROVISIONS " SHALL  
BE DEEMED APPLICABLE TO THE MOON AS WELL AS TO ANY OTHER  
NATURAL CELESTIAL BODY, EXCEPT THE EARTH UNTIL THE  
ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A TREATY REGULATING THE EXPLORATION  
AND USE OF SUCH CELESTIAL BODY, WHEREUPON THE PROVISIONS  
OF THIS TREATY SHALL CEASE TO BE IN FORCE WITH REGARD  
TO THIS CELESTIAL BODY...."

2. TO PROTECT US POSITION USDEL READ OUT TEXT OF SCOPE  
ARTICLE ( MAKING TREATY APPLICABLE TO " MOON, PLANETS AND  
OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES OF SOLAR SYSTEM" ) SUBSTANTIALLY AS  
SET OUT IN DEL' S INSTRUCTIONS , NOTING ALSO THAT WE COULD  
NOT ACCEPT IMPLICATION THAT SUBSEQUENT SEPARATE TREATIES  
FOR INDIVIDUAL CBS WOULD BE REQUIRED. US DRAFT WAS THEN  
MADE PROPOSAL FOR WORKING GROUP CONSIDERATION.  
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3. AFTER INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION ON PROSPECTIVE NEED  
FOR SEPARATE TREATIES, UK DEL READ OUT FOLLOWING TEXT,

WHICH WAS ALSO MADE PROPOSAL BEFORE WORKING GROUP:  
QUOTE REFERENCE IN THIS TREATY TO THE MOON SHALL BE  
DEEMED TO APPLY ALSO TO THE PLANETS AND OTHER CELESTIAL  
BODIES WITHIN THE SOLAR SYSTEM, EXCEPT THE EARTH, AS  
WELL AS TO ORBITS AND OTHER TRANSIT TRAJECTORIES OF  
SPACE OBJECTS AROUND SUCH PLANETS AND OTHER CELESTIAL  
BODIES. THE STATES PARTIES RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT  
IT MAY BECOME DESIRABLE AT SOME LATER STAGE TO ELABORATE  
SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS IN REGARD TO THE EXPLORATION AND  
USE OF INDIVIDUAL PLANETS OR OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES  
WITHIN THE SOLAR SYSTEM, EXCEPT THE EARTH, AND AGREE  
THAT A CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THIS TREATY FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF ELABORATING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS SHALL BE  
CONVENED BY THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS WHEN ONE- THIRD  
OF THE STATES PARTIES SO REQUEST. UNQUOTE. UNDER  
UK PROPOSAL, AS IN BULGARIAN, OPERATIVE SECTION OF TREATY  
WOULD REFER ONLY TO " MOON . ( UNDER US PROPOSAL, REFERENCES  
WOULD BE TO " MOON, PLANETS AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES.")

4. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, SOVDELOFF REMARKED TO  
US DELOFF THAT UK PROPOSAL " MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE."

5. GROUP ACCEPTED FRENCH PROPOSAL THAT IN VIEW  
OF APPARENT PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING  
TCB ISSUES, SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA BE REVISED AND WORK  
CONTINUE ON TCB TWO MORE WORKING DAYS INSTEAD OF TURNING  
TO REGISTRATION ON MONDAY APRIL 2 AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED.  
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